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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON

FOR DELIVERY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 28

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1. WE ANTICIPATE YOU WILL BE SEEING PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND ASSUME BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT. WE CANNOT BE CONCLUSIVE YET ON GUESTS FOR DINNER DECEMBER 6, BUT BELOW ARE SKETCHES OF THOSE WE ARE TRYING TO GET. FRED SHERWOOD, WHO IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INCIDENTLY MAY WELL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. JORGE SKINNER-KLEE. MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE; FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER CASTILLO ARMAS AND FORMER VICE RECTOR OF LANDIVAR (JESUIT) UNIVERSITY. HAS REPRESENTED GUATEMALA IN VARIOUS FORA ON BELIZE DISPUTE; RECENTLY RETURNED FROM UNGA, LAWYER, TEACHER, AUTHOR, BUSINESSMAN. SON OF A FOREIGN MINISTER. BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO. FIFTIES, MARRIED, CHILDREN, URBANE, GENERALLY FRIENDLY, FLUENT ENGLISH.

3. FRANCISCO VILLAGRAN KRAMER. VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WITH GENERAL LUCAS. FORMER LEFTIST (EXILED 1963-66 UNDER PERALTA AZURDIA) NOW LAWYER FOR BUSINESS INTERESTS AND MEMBER
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OF MIDDLE-OF-ROAD REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. HAS BEEN MEMBER OF LOS DELEGATIONS AND IS INTERESTED IN ROLE OF MULTINATIONALS IN SEABED EXPLORATION. EXPERT IN CA INTEGRATION MATTERS AND HAS CONSIDERABLE INTELLECTUAL REPUTATION IN THE ISTHMUS. HAS LIVED IN MEXICO. MARRIED TO AN ITALIAN, FIFTIES, STUDIED ABROAD; SOMETIME PROTESTANT PASTOR. ENGLISH.

4. HECTOR ARAGON QUINONEZ. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF

THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS AND VP CANDIDATE ON THE MLN TICKET WITH COLONEL PERALTA AZURDIA. A POLITICAL CONSERVATIVE, DR. ARAGON IS A PROTEGE OF EX-PRESIDENT ARANA BUT HAS THE BLESSING OF CIE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL, THE MLN CAUDILLO. FORMER HEAD OF NATIONAL COFFEE ASSOCIATION (ANACAFE). AGGRESSIVE, NO-HOLDS-BARRED CAMPAIGNER. MARRIED (SEVERAL TIMES), CHILDREN, EARLY FITIES, FRIENDLY. NO ENGLISH APPARENT.

5. RENE DE LEON SCHLOTTER. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND ARCHITECT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DCG), SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WORLD UNION, AND LONG-TIME HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE. TESTIFIED BEFORE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE EARLIER THIS YEAR. CURRENTLY IN RUNNING FOR VP NOMINATION ON TICKET HEADED BY GENERAL PERALTA MENDEZ. WELL TRAVELED. STUDIED LAW AND ECONOMICS. MARRIED, CHILDREN, LATE FITIES, FRIENDLY. UNCOMFORTABLE WITH ENGLISH.

6. (JOSE) ALFREDO OBIOLS GOMEZ. VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATION. ENGINEER, TEACHER AND CIVIL SERVANT. FORMER PRESIDENT OF PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND DELEGATE TO LOS AND STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES. HAWK ON BELIZE AND NOT CLOSE TO FONMIN MOLINA. RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SERIES OF VISITS TO SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN WITH VICE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL SEEKING (BUT NOT FINDING MUCH) SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA IN THE UNGA FOURTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF BELIZE. MARRIED, CHILDREN, LATE FITIES, GENERALLY COOPERATIVE. RECOVERING FROM PROSTATE SURGERY. MARGINAL ENGLISH.

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